

Reduce your water consumption

How to reduce your water consumption inside your home¹:

- Bathroom:

- Install water saving shower heads or flow restrictors
- Use the half flush on your toilets
- Turn off the tap while you are brushing your teeth or shaving to save 10 litres of water a minute
- Reduce your shower time to 4 minutes or less

- Kitchen:

- Wait until you have a full load before starting your dishwasher. When possible, use the eco-setting
- Avoid rinsing dishes under a running tap

- Laundry:

- Wait until you have a full load before starting your washing machine, or use the partial load settings



¹: <https://cdc.govt.nz/services/water/>

¹: <https://www.swdc.govt.nz/Tips-to-reduce-your-water-use>

²: <https://www.swdc.govt.nz/water-tanks>

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How to reduce your water consumption in your garden¹:

- Gardening:

- Use plants that do not need a lot of water
- Use a good mulch to prevent 70% evaporation loss
- Water your garden before 7am or after 9pm and when not too windy to ensure your plants retain the water they need
- Water your garden with a handheld hose
- Install a drip feed irrigation system
- Soak your plants every 3 or 4 days to encourage the roots to go deeper in the soil
- Set your lawn mower to leave grass slightly longer. Short grass dries out sooner.

- Outside:

- Use a broom to sweep your outside areas rather than hosing them
- Wash your car with a bucket of water on the loan and you will water your lawn at the same time

Water tanks for garden and emergency supplies²:

200 litres water tanks are available for sale at the districts Councils for \$105.00

IMPORTANT NOTE: due to supply issue, the water tanks won't available before end of October 2020



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Tap¹ :

- 2 star: 78,475 litres/year
- 6 star: 29,200 litres/year

Shower² :

- 1 star: 166,440 litres/year
- 4 star: 64,240 litres/year

Toilets³ :

- 2 star: 32,120 litres/year
- 6 star: 5,110 litres/year

Bathroom – Save 178,485 litres per year

¹ : For a family of 4, who lives the tap open while brushing their teeth for 2.5 minutes, twice a day

² : For a family of 4, who showers for 8 minutes, once a day

³ : For a family of 4, who flush 5 times a day, each

<https://www.waterrating.gov.au/choose/water-rating-label>



Washing machine¹ :

- 2.5 star: 26,900 litres/year
- 5 star: 11,605 litres/year

Dishwasher² :

- 2 star: 7,890 litres/year
- 6 star: 3,220 litres/year

Washing machine and
dishwasher – Save 19,965 litres per year

¹ : 8 kg, used 4 times a week

² : 15 places, used 7 times a week

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